Spies Leads To

director of the FBI.

a radio engineer in South America.

The arrests were made several days

at Hancock Point in Frenchmen's Bay,

Commenting on the arrests and the

ecent discoveries of two Japanese

balloons in Oregon and Montana,

which he said might have carried

spies instead of explosives. Hoover

declared these were evidence of an

The FBI director said the two

ago in the New York area.

time of the arrests.



Congress Convenes With Huge Problems

War," Says Speaker Sam Rayburn

Washington, Jan. 4.-The war and its problems got a top priority from the new Congress Tuesday.

But pre-session discussions by members uncovered no great enthusiasm building up for such sweeping proposals as that of James F. Byrnes, the War Mobilization director, who proposed capitot hill intercession to force 4-F's into the war program as they are needed.

Speaking generally, without reference to Byrnes' report, speaker Sam

"I hope we won't have a session up the people. We must devote our- tions of money are being received selves to winning the war."

"The war comes first." Minority Leader Martin (R-Mass). Key Taylor, pastor of the Walston-"After that is over we can talk about burg Methodist Church. a program."

youth. Neither thought the matter which meets Wednesday.

legislative program-leaders were house the expending program. more concerned at the moment with the organization machinery of new vide facilities for worship, Christian Congress than they were with im- education and community fellowship. mediate problems of war making.

lative program will take at the out- Plans also call for a trained rural set. The time has not been fixed for deaconess to supplement the ministry President Roosevelt to present either of the Church. his annual message or his budget tration's Congressional goals.

legislative list:

1. A universal training act (difon universal service).

2. Creation of a permanent fair employment practices committee.

3. A rivers and harbors program setting up power and conservation programs similar to the Tennessee ed, by those striving to carry for-Valley Authority.

Farmville Furniture Company Damaged

An estimate of damage to the handsome three-story building and large Students' Who's Who up-to-date stock of the Farmville Furniture Co., which occurred in a fire discovered early Saturday morning, December 23, has been set at thirteen thousand dollars.

Firemen, called to the scene about 2:30 A. M., found the flames coming from the boiler room and gaining headway rapidly in the rear of the Funeral Home and in the rug depart-

Damage from fire was declared heaviest in the rug stock room, while smoke was reported as damaging much of the stock.

Quick and effective work on the part of the fire company probably saved the store, which looked at one time as if it might be entirely de-

Christmas Seal Sale

A final report, compiled by Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, local chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, shows that the sale here netted a grand total of \$400,00. A ready response greeted canvassers and a large majority of citizens, receiving an appeal with stamps enclosed from County headquarters, remitted the sum necessary to retain same. This, together with the unusual interest displayed in the sale of bonds, gave needed impetus to put the 1944 sale ahead of that of any previous year.

The colored section, through Principal H. B. Sugg, turned in \$52.25, a creditable sum, which is anticipated by officials and always realized from Farmville's colored citizenry.

FAMILY PARTY.

Members of the Farmville Ho inson is president, entertain-Christmas party, held during the holiacts was presented by m

"We Must Devote Ourselves To Winning The Plans Underway for **Community Church** Near Farmville

A Community Church, a Church new in type to this section of the State, will be built near Joyner's Crossroads to serve the religious and community needs of the area as soon as building conditions permit. he new Church will be known as Wesley Community Church. A four acre tract of land has been purchased and a grant of money has been made by the Duke Endowment to aid in the with a lot of new proposals to stir erection of the building. Contribudaily from interested citizens in the Farmville area, according to the Rev.

This new religious development had its inception in a weekly prayer meetplace on the legislature calendar to ing led by the Rev. L. W. Humbles, a universal training act for a year's Free Will Baptist minister. Out of government service from the nation's the prayer meetings grew a Sunday School, which was organized several of sufficient urgency, however, to be months ago under the superintendhurried through the 79th Congress ency of R. L. Fulford. The Sunday School has met in a dwelling house But-in the absence of any direct and has developed to the point where word from the President on a new an adequate building is needed to

The new Church structure will pro-There will be in the church yard, acyrthat kqur xz¼fl½ xz xz xz xz cording to present plans, facilities for Rayburn said he couldn't say now picnicking and parking, and a comwhat form the Administration legis- munity playground for the children.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor states that message-yardsticks to the administ this new religious enterprise is receiving wide and cordial response Mr. Roosevelt has not yet conferred from the citizens of the Joyner's with leaders of the new Congress, but Crossroads community and from in other conversations he has indicat- Farmville citizens. The Board of ed he puts these things high on his Stewards of the Farmville Methodist Church, in a letter to the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Fulford ferent from the Byrnes statement stated, "Please be assured that you have the full endorsement and spiritual support of the entire membership of the Board." Continued interest and support from citizens of the Farmville area will be appreciat- being well cared for and feeling good. ly provided for.

By Fire And Smoke building committee and Oscar Lee Erwin is treasurer.

Selects Miss D. Lewis

University, Ala., Jan. 3-Miss Dorothy Lewis, of Farmville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Lewis, who will receive her A. B. Degree from East Carolina Teachers College in June, is among those students who will be listed in the 1944-45 issue of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. The books will be released in April.

This publication is published through the cooperation of over 600 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national rec-ognition for graduates which is de-void of policies, fees, and dues. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year, by an unprejudiced committee, for their Largest Ever Here biographies to appear in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERI-CAN UNIVERSITIES AND COL-LEGES. These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit out-

standing students for employment. The purpose of WHO'S WHO is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means of comhave already done; as a recomme tion to the business world; and as a standard of measurement for students.

Beta Kappa Chapter of the Pi Omega Sgt. Tommy Lang Pi Fraternity, was President of Student Cooperative Government Association 1948-44, Vice-President of the Wesley Foundation 1943-44, and Treasurer of the Women's Judiciary, Vice-Chairman of the Inter-Paith Council, and Student Manager of the College Stores. Miss Lewis was Miss Lewis graduated from the

and good for each five layers. Lack of a suita-ble number of nests may lead to egg-

Farmville Oversubscribes Bond Quota And Goal

Successful Finale Carries Total To \$356.536.

Staging a successful finale to the Sixth War Loan Drive here during the last week in December, Farmville citizens broke all records and went beyond anticipated goals of promoters by subscribing \$356,536.50 in maturity value, it was announced today by Chairman George W. Davis. This figure reveals that the local campaign went over the quota of \$207,-000.00 by a margin of \$149,536.50.

The "E" Bond sale, lagging in many places, went beyond the assigned quota of \$64,000.00 and even beyond the goal of \$125,000.00, according to L. E. Walston, vice chairman of Pitt's War Finance committee, who was elated over this feature after the final tabulations were announced.

Citizens of Farmville have shown keen interest and a fine, patriotic results proving that they realize the play a large part in its successful

given them by officials for the over- zines. whelming success with which the endeavor has been crowned.

Pvt. Cayton Writes He Is Improving

Thanksgiving Day, somewhere in Holland, and expressing delight as his of his being wounded in action in Germany, December 4.

came to Pvt. Cayton's wife on Saturday before Christmas and dispelled some of the sadness from the holiday season for Virginia and the children. This communication stated he was slightly wounded in the right foot and in an English hospital, where he was

On Saturday, December 13, Mrs. which disclosed that while her veteran husband was feeling "heavy-bottomed" with his foot in a cast at that Henry C. Tyson is chairman of the time, he expected to "be as good as new" in a few weeks.

Pvt. Cayton, who is in the infantry branch of the service, had been overseas only a month when he was

Prior to entering the service, Archie was employed in the local Post Office, where his pleasing personality and affability made him a popular member of the City Delivery force.

News of his being wounded brought with it a pall of sadness for the whole town, but it has been lifted in part by the recent encouraging message, and with one accord the citizenship sends him cordial greetings and wishes for him a speedy and complete

This little poem describes Pvt. Cayif Annette Wynne had been one of the people he one time served so efficiently and so pleasantly on his daily rounds in Farmville:

The postman is a happy man Because he does the best he can To make the people's faces bright. He comes along with willing feet, He knows each person, house and

Bringing crispy letters is his main

He carries round a bag of leather, His shoes are made for every weath And taking all things in together The postman is a happy man Because he does the best he can To make the people's faces bright. Pleasing everybody is his main d

Awarded Air Medal

Mr. and Mrs. Roland O. Lang, res at the same address, was reces awarded the Air Medal "for merit

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER Registering at the local Center

during the week end of December 22 to 24 were: Farmville: Miss Janie Johnston, Cadet Nurse Corps, Baltimore, Md.; Lt. (jg) Lucy J. Rumley, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.; James

B. Bailey, Ph. M. 2/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y., son of Mrs. ula Bailey, Pine Street. Camp Lejeune: Pvt. J. E. Escue, Huntsville, Ky.; L. C. Jones, H. A. 1/c, Michigan City, Ind., week end

ruests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. S/Sgt. J. W. Barrow, Snow Hill; S/Sgt. Jim H. Aswell, North Fort Lewis, Wash., and Snow Hill; Pvt. W. C. Corbett, Fort Bragg and Walstonburg; Cpl. Everett B. Bidwell, Jr., Cherry Point and Hartford, Conn., and S/Sgt. Robert Amos, Cherry Point, Pensacola, Fla., and Greensboro, Ga.

Pfc. Peter Cecora, Cherry Point and South Euclid, Ohio, December 30th and 31st; Pfc. Carlos Patterson, Cherry Point and Huntsville, Ala.; Sgt. J. F. Keenan, Cherry Point and Manchester, Cann.; Sgt. H. J. Shrodspirit throughout the campaign, with er, Cherryy Point and Chicago. Ill., and Pfc. Perry Shaw, Cherhy Point fact that the end of the war is not and Clarksburg, W. Va., who were even in sight and that civilians can guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rollins. Saturday night.

who was the overnight guest of Miss

Tabitha M. DeVisconti, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Nichols gave J. W. Munden, Retail War Bond fresh baked ham, Mrs. Neal Howard, chairman and his splendid teams un- chocolate cake, Mrs. C. B. Mashburn, der the direction of Miss Mary Eliza- potato salad, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Norbeth Barrett and Bill Duke, have won man and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Wootcommendation and praise for their en, milk, Misses Rose Abernethy and untiring efforts and zeal displayed in Dorothy Melton donated grapes and the campaign and due credit has been coffee, Mrs. Joseph Batchelor, maga-

The Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. W. R. Hinson, president, will be the hostess group for this week end.

We have had nice letters from several service men, who were regular visitors here before being transferred from North Carolina. Cpl. Johnnie Gerarde, now in Oklahoma, says he ing news of Pvt. Archie Cayton's en- misses the Farmville people very joyment of two big turkey dinners on much as he was so well treated while here, and made to feel so much at home. Pvt. Charles Robbins, being so well provided for, came word spent last New Year here is now overseas and says he really had a swell time that week end and certain-A letter in his own handwriting ly intends to return some day. The people here treated him as if they had known him all his life. He expressed his deep gratitude.

Pfc. David Morgan, now in the war zone in the Pacific, refers to the Center as the "Making People Happy," Club.

T/Sgt. Charles O. Wood, now in ward this work that the religious and Cayton received late and good news, ly, warm, weather there but misses part) the present tax structure. Tax eing in Farmville.

Pvt. John J. Spies, in California, writes that he had a week end liberty in Hollywood but it is not near as nice as Farmville.

Cpl. Orville D. Grochow and Cpl. Thomas M. Johnson, new in Greensboro, asked to be remembered to all their friends here who were so good to them while at Seymour Johnson Field, in Goldsboro, and say they think often of the wonderful days they spent in Farmville.

Cpl. J. J. Hammond, Cherry Point and Brooklyn, Mass., expresses his gratitude for the hospitality shown nim and is looking forward to another

Horace Ray Allen, R. D. M. 3º /c. Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y., son of Paul Allen, Sr., says he enloyed being a guest of the Center and thinks it is wonderful that Farmville has such a place for the boys who are a long way from home where they can meet such fine people. He said he had to work through the holidays, but all of them could not stop work and leave the war to its self. All he wants, he says, is for the war to end so he can come home to stay.

Pfc. Herman H. Rouse, Jr., says he looking forward to his next visit the Center for he enjoyed going there and wishes he could be here to to help with it but the Marines have a job to do to conquer the enemy and they are going to do it.

LETTERS OF THANKS

The following are among letters of ciation received by Mrs. W. M illis, Production Chairman of the Red Cross, for boxes sent from here to Camp Lejeune at Christmas:

"Dear Madam: I want to thank you for myself and the other fellows in my tent for the Christmas box we eceived from the Red Cross. It had a card in it from the Farmville Chanter. We want you to know we really appreciated it.

Sincerely yours, Frank E. Kershaw, Corp. U. S. M. C., Co. "D" 43rd Replacement Rgt. Trng. Rgt., T. C.,

my Christmas package delivere ne in the Field Hospital at Cam

Sincerely, Lt. Robert A. Hohm 1st Tr. Bn. I. T. R., T. C.,

Cherry Outlines TWO U. S. ARMIES SQUEEZE State Program

Takes Oath Of Office And Charts New Arrest of Nazi Course

Raleigh, Jan. 4 .- R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today took his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and delivered an inaugural address that embraced his recommendations to the general assembly. The legislative body, in joint session, heard the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry presented a program of outlined growth and development for the state during the next four years when he will be North Caroina's chief executive. Emphasis was given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the governor of the state to be inau- pel, 35, native of Germany, who was gurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other such governor, took his oath of office while the civil war was

In his statement of fiscal policy, Governor Cherry said that appropriations for the coming biennium must be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium." The present general fund surplus, he added, will amount to \$70,000,000 by June of 1945, because of abnor-

wartime business conditions. "This surplus must not be dissipated in current expenditures," he He added that this money said. should be used to provide for the retirement of state debts, to come due in future years. His recommendations along this

ine are for the setting aside of a sufficient portion of this surplus to meet all general fund bonded debt payments as they come due, both principal and interest. He said this would take \$52,000,000 and would, by thss provision, also reduce current levies of taxation by \$5,000,000. The remainder of the surplus should go into a postwar reserve fund, he continued, to serve as a cushion against a sudden decline in revenue, or for other possible needs and purposes that might arise.

As a fiscal policy for the immediate future, the Governor came out strong against any new taxes, and Florida, says he is enjoying the love- for holding unchanged (for the most make drugs used by doctors and patients exempted from tax, and permitting the income tax structure to exempt expenses for medical care, funerals, and of children in school. He advocated continuing the war bonus for teachers and state em-

Turning to education he suggested

an eight-point program to strengthen the public school system. He wants: a base pay of \$125 per month for A-grade teachers just starting in the profession, with increament for experience; an expanded program of vocational training; free text books through the eighth grade and rental fees on high school books only high enough to maintain the rental system; 10 months pay for principals to provide for time on the job before school opens and after it closes; raising-compulsory attendance age from 14 to 16 years; a program of additional compensation for exceptional teachers; state aid in supplying better sanitation facilities in conne with schools; and better fiscal control

of public school funds. Governor Cherry also mended "adequate provision" of funds for higher educational institutions. He pointed to future highway needs Heart for wounds suffered in France and said that as men and materials He was sent overseas in June, 1944. are available he wanted all-weather Sgt. Baldree was formerly a tobacc roads for all communities. He also buyer on the Greenville Market.
urged further uses of the by-products Surviving are his wife, the for of agriculture in the state and the Miss Betty Warren, of Miami, Fla. developments of new products, and a his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Balbetter program of training for the boys and girls who will run the farms Mrs. Bruce Pollard and Miss Grace

The address also called for supply-

ng the needs of 300,000 war ve who will return to the state. should be cared for from the postwar He called for further advances in the reserve fund—"when the needs of the field of health and asked for approveterans can be determined." The Governor said a grateful state war on disease.

should provide new educational opportunities for these men and women and should acquaint them with
their rights. The children of those
who gave their lives in battle are deserving of ample protection at the

Concerning the veteran he said: stitutional amendment that we cannot merely see that he gets make women available for We cannot merely see that he gets make women available his discharge pay, a parade, and few days of glory and applause.

NAZI SALIENT IN BELGIUI First Army Drives Deep

Evidence Sabotage Paris, Jan. 4.-The U. S. First Army opened its long-awaited counter-offensive on the northern flank York Several Days teaming with the Third Army on the Ago; Landed From U- south in a great squeeze drive against 200,000 German defenders of the

New York, Jan. 4-Arrest of two Nazi agents, trained in espionage and Americans to relinquish their toesabotage, who were landed by U-boat on the Maine coast last November 29, was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, 55 miles. Withdrawal from these po-Hoover identified the men as Wil- fried Line was dictated by exigencies "elsewhere," front dispe liam Curtis Colepaugh, 26, U. S. Citizen of Niantic, Conn., and Erich Gim-

Only 16 Miles Apart. The two American armies stood First Army went back over to the Hoover said the men supplied a full story of their activities since landing offensive for the first time since it was jolted loose from the Belgium-Maine. They came ashore in rubber winter onrush starting Dec. 16.

boat at night. Hoover said they carried automatic revolvers, compass camera, secret inks, and a variety of attack had been launched on Wedn draft papers and discharges from the They had been supplied with sixty thousand dollars in American money, of which \$56,574.61 remained at the phases of the battle.

espionage and sabotage offensive The First Army presumably against the entire American hemisagents, after landing, went to Bangor, Me., and stopped briefly in Boston before coming to New York where they went to separate hotels, bought expensive clothes, and made purthousand casuauties. The German losses included 20:000 chases to construct a short wave radio

transmitter to communicate with Ger-Colepaugh, who once attended Massachusetta Institute of Technology, also served in the U. S. Navy until of this armor belonged to the German discharged in 1942 "for the convenience of the government."

the Swedish exchange ship Gripsholm, three armies with which Field Marleaving the ship at Lisbon where he shal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt mountoffered his services to the Nazis, Hoover said. He was enrolled in the EliteGuard and went to school in Berlin, the Hague and Dresden where he was taught radio, photography and use of expresives.

MORE TOBACCO NOW FOR FIRMS

Washington, Jan. 4.-Increased al location to purchases of both burley and flue cured tobaccos the two major types used in American cigarettes -were announced by the War Food

However, officials explained that many manufacturers age tobacco for several seasons before putting it in cigarettes, so no immediate lessening of the shortage is expected.

Sgt. J. R. Baldree Killed In Action

Sgt. John Rollins Baldree, son Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baldree, Route 2, has been reported killed in action in France, December 10. Previously, he had been reported as missing in ac-tion. He had been awarded the Purple

Baldree; four brothers, T. O., H. O. and Bert, of Farmville, and W. J. Baldree, of Washington, D. C.

gram of hospital and medical care

with the problems of labor; a state constitution; the estab

Into Northern Flank: Eleven German Divisions Hacked To Pieces In Belgium Thrust

Intensified German attacks to the South, however, had forced the helds in the Reich between Sarreguemines and the Rhine, a front of sitions in the first belt of the Siegsaid in an obvious reference to the battle of the bulge.

less than 16 miles apart when the Luxembourg line by the German Allied headquarters announced just

before midnight that the First Army day, thus bringing its reports fairly up to date in contrast with the 48hour news blackout, later modified to 36 hours, imposed on the first Fighting through a tide of counter-

attacks, tanks of the Third Army were lashing out in four columns from Bastogne and had driven up to five miles northwest of that road junction, reaching within five miles of Houffa lize, hub of the German bulge.

attacking from the Malmedy-Stavelot-Grandmenil sector where it had managed to stabilize its line after the first fury of the German drive an offensive that now in its third week, has cost the enemy an estimated sixty

prisoners and the severe mauling of 11 divisions, including the destruction of the equivalent of five Panzer divisions by the Third Army alone. Part Sixth Panzer Army commanded by the notorious Gen. Sepp Dietrich, He went abroad as a mess boy on newly revealed as the third of the were estimated knocked out.

101st Holds Attack Dipping ever deeper into his re-serves, Von Rundstedt had managed to cram into the gap about 20 fullstrength divisions of some 200,000 men, including four armored and four infantry divisions into the Bastogne sector alone.

One heavy counter-attack was delivered against the 101st Airborne Division north of Bastogne with the support of 14 tanks and large forces of artilley. It was held.

A German DNB broadcast asserte that an American tank division was "annihilated" in the Michamps area four miles northest of Bastogne where the Yanks were said to have launche "heavy armored attacks." The Germans claimed recapture of several towns including Renaumont, 12 miles southwest of Bastogne and four miles from Libramont, high-water mark of the original enemy break-through to-

Allied reports said that the Germans had been sending streams of troops and tanks around Bastogne in an effort to outflank the vital city from the southwest, but so far had been firmly held. The greatest setback on

ern sector came on the Army's right flank where a 20frontage in the Wissembourg Gap, extending to a depth of five

The Seventh Army was fighting off Lauter line and on the northw shoulder of the Hardt Mounta farther west, but last night these saults were reported diminishing

Mrs. Mabrey Pollard pres 21, and Father Ben tional based on St. La

Miss Annie Perkins,